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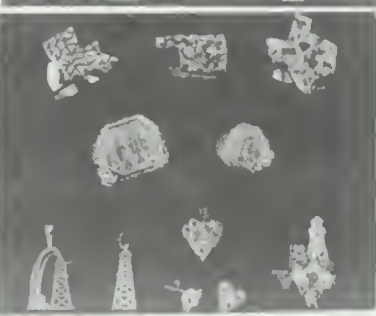
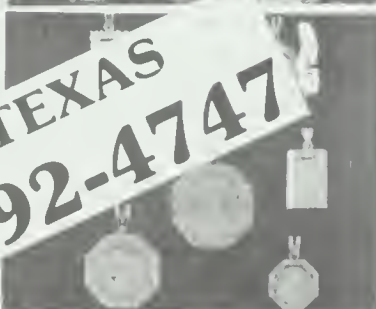
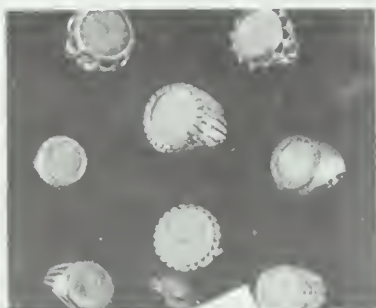


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TNA NEWS welcomes Bernard Loebe of Houston as a new contributor to our monthly publication. We'll also welcome Ray Aldrete as a regular contributor next month. Ray is from Houston, too. Thanks, guys!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Fellow members — the mid-year meeting of your Governing Board is now history. I am pleased to announce the appointment of two well qualified persons to the Board. One of those is Mike Greenspan of San Antonio, who will serve as our parliamentarian. Mike has a great deal of experience in organizational work and, I believe, will serve us well in this role. The second is Robert Lacewell, also of San Antonio. Robert is a young numismatist who attends UTSA, and has been a collector for a number of years. Robert, in his new capacity as Youth Chairman, will need help from all of us. Let's pitch in and give him whatever assistance he requests. I am looking forward to working with both of these fine gentlemen.

Nominations from members, as well as clubs, are now in order for the Lewis M. Reagan Award. This award is presented annually to the person deemed to have done the most for Texas numismatics during the preceding year. This is TNA's most coveted award and deserves consideration by all members. Nominations for this award must be in the hands of your president no later than January 1, 1986. Please look about you and make a nomination. Time is running short.

Gateway Coin Club of San Antonio, and its many workers, are moving along well making plans for the 1987 TNA convention to be held in that city. I know that 1987 seems a long way off, but that 18 months will pass very quickly.

The 1986 convention to be held in Fort Worth May 23-25 promises to be an excellent convention. Make your plans now to attend. For additional details contact the general chairman, Howard Luke, whose address may be found in your TNA NEWS.

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A WORLD WITH COINS

Bernard Loebe,
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COBS OF MEXICO

Coining operations in Mexico began around 1536 and when you stop to consider that this was only 15 years after Columbus made his landing on our shores and 84 years prior to the arrival of Pilgrims to America, it was quite an accomplishment.

Money in those days was real hard honest money. A pound of silver or gold had the same value the world over and a coin was expected to contain a certain weight and fineness of metal. It was the responsibility of the government to assure its citizens that this was so.

It is interesting to note that history will show that since the earliest of times, most governments have been filled with schemers and grafters. The one at the top got the biggest slice and it ranged downward according to the position held.

Positions at the mint were eagerly sought and at first were filled by royal appointment. Later these positions were sold to the highest bidder.

All gold and silver mined in Mexico was subject to a 20% tax, which was known as the "Royal Fifth." Many errors were overlooked in the operation of the mint, but woe be to anyone who dipped his fingers in the Royal Fifth or tried to by-pass it.

There were four positions of importance in the minting process. The

first was the treasurer, then the smelter chief, the assayer and the engraver.

Let us say you brought 100 pounds of silver bullion to the mint to be struck into coins. First it was examined to see that it was properly stamped to indicate that the Royal Fifth had been satisfied. Then it was assayed and after being made into crude bars, coins of your choice were made.

One hundred pounds would produce 3400 pieces of 4 reales. There were 68 reales to a one half pound of silver. The mint charged 40 reales (10) for assaying and 600 reales for minting. Of this 600, 400 were kept as mint operating expense and 200 was collected as a tax. You left the mint with 3240 shiny 4 real pieces and left behind 160 as assay and minting expenses.

What happened to your silver bullion? First it was made into bars. The word "cob" is a corruption of the Spanish "Cabo de Barra." Slices of the bars, or cobs, were cut from the main bar which was approximately circular. The cobs were never flat and even, so that stamping on the letters and designs were never perfect.

These cobs were placed between two crudely made dies and struck a hard blow. As you can imagine, such

crude methods were accompanied by a profusion of headaches - punches broke, dies broke, hammer blows were uneven and bounced around, causing double and triple strikes.

The first cobs of Charles I period were not dated. They can be identified by the "Cross of Jerusalem" which was on most of the Mexican cobs. This was a cross with small balls on the ends of the cross bars.

The numbers of this era will seem to be confusing to many. The figure "5" looks like an unfinished "9".

This was the period of Philip II and was also the first time that the large 8 real coin (pieces of eight) were minted. Cob coinage continued until 1733 and 1734 when a series of square flat pieces were issued. They appear to be a sort of transitional type between cobs and milled coins.

At the time of the minting of the earliest coins in our country, the New England shilling, as well as the Willow Oak and the Pine Tree pieces, the minting of cobs in Mexico was forever stopped and round milled coins took their place.

There are many other interesting bits of history attached to the "cob" and if your interest or curiosity is whetted, check out a few books on the subject.


CURRENCY ERROR

There is an engraving error on the reverse side of the \$1 currency notes. Back Plate Number 129, the correct number, was erroneously placed on the left reverse side of the currency beneath the letter "O" in the written

word "ONE." It should have appeared on the right side beneath the letter "E."

A total of 3,036,480 Federal Reserve notes were printed. The number of notes issued to the Federal Reserve Banks is somewhat less due to spoilage or quality control requirements. The notes were printed between May 9 and May 15, 1985. The plate was destroyed July 19, 1985.

The error was discovered after the notes had been sent to Federal Reserve Banks, issued, and the plate destroyed.



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The rules are simple: Submit a typewritten report of club activities during the calendar year 1985 no later than March 1, 1986. Send to TNA Club Salute, 315 Vance Jackson C26, San Antonio 78201. **Send early** but clubs do have until March 1, 1986.

Please include the following in all entries:

1. Name of club and how many members in good standing.
2. When and where club meetings are held.
3. Types of programs usually

held. Describe any special program held during the year and name any special guests.

4. Are numismatic exhibits a part of club meetings? Give details on any exhibit for special events or civic functions.

5. Describe any charitable activities and or donations to local civic projects.

6. Describe how club meetings and coin shows, if any, are publicized.

7. Have any special honors been bestowed on any member or the club?

8. Describe any efforts the club has made to further and encourage numismatics, and to increase interest in the club. Include the club's effort to increase membership in the club and TNA.

9. In what way does your club encourage junior membership, not only in club activities, but also in TNA.

10. List ALL plans the club has initiated in celebrating the Texas 1986 Sesquicentennial

THANKSGIVING JOY TO ALL

The Texas Numismatic Association governing board wishes to extend best wishes for a happy and enjoyable Thanksgiving celebration. We sincerely hope your loved ones are able to join in the traditional holiday fun.

The following article Six Flags Over Texas, first in a series by Bob Medlar, appeared in the November 1965 issue of TNA NEWS. The series is being reprinted as an appropriate addition to TNA's participation in the 1986 Texas Sesquicentennial celebration. — Editor.

SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS



and their coinage — Part I

R.E. (Bob) Medlar,
San Antonio, Texas

The new land of America presented great problems and even greater opportunities to the rulers of Spain, France and England. Beset by generations of inefficiency, overloaded bureaucracy, wastefulness, and above all, the always-ready other large powers who were eager to improve their own position in the balance scales of world power. This condition, which was not changed much even today, led to the sending of Columbus on his search for riches, gold and silver, and new trade areas.

After the discovery of this vast new land by Spain - England and France were both eager to extract their measure of wealth lying around on the ground, to be given them by the natives. England sent her colonists North to the New England and the Atlantic Coastal area. Spain had the southern areas from

the Gulf of Mexico on south pretty well sewed up. France then tried to work in both areas, in the fur trade area of the far north and the Mexico gold and silver area of the south.

The coinage of the six sovereign nations ranges from the very extensive and colorful issue of the Republic of Texas' paper money to the most insignificant and probably extremely limited use by the French colonists. The Indians, the true Texans, used no money as such, although they undoubtedly had a barter system based upon the use of wampum.

This series of articles will deal with the historical aspect of the six countries that held sovereignty over Texas and the coinage they used.

Our first story, then is of France. England never entered Texas until it was a new nation and a republic, being content with privateering off

the rich galleons carrying the wealth of the new world back to Spain. France first sent a colony of 300 men to plant a colony at the mouth of the Mississippi River, in order to secure that body of water and all its tributaries to herself.

Robert Cavalier de La Salle, the leader of the group, arrived on February 16, 1685, in his four ships. However, misled by inaccurate charts he landed not at the mouth of the Mississippi but entered the bay of San Bernardo, since named Matagorda. Losing one of his ships on the bar to the bay and another, containing most of the tools and implements, to the Spaniards who captured it, his naval commander after a disagreement, sailed in the third back to France.

To secure the country and for protection, he erected a fort at the mouth of a river he named Les Vaches (Lavaca) after the buffalo found there. The transfer of the colonists and the erection of the fort lasted until October 1685. Then the colonists at least temporarily taken care of, he with some soldiers started eastward to find the Mississippi and to secure help. But his only ship was lost in a storm and after weeks of absence, he and his remaining men struggled back to his colony where he found even worse conditions. Many were sick, some had died, food was scarce, no help was in sight, and the frightened and discouraged men were now talking mutiny against the autocratic La Salle.

Realizing the desperation of their

situation and the necessity of immediate help, La Salle now decided to go north to the French settlements in Illinois. He and a group of 20 weary men started out on April 22, 1686. But while at an Indian village on the Neches River, La Salle was stricken with fever. His ammunition was exhausted, some of his men already dead, he was again forced back to Fort St. Louis. On October 22, six months after the group started out, eight survivors made it back to the Fort. The plight of the group was now desperate. Despair and resentment against the harsh treatment by La Salle caused some of the group to again talk mutiny. Knowing he needed to obtain immediate relief, La Salle, on January 12, 1687, set out again with another group of 20 men, leaving at the fort the remaining party, now down to 13 men and seven women.

In the vicinity again of the Neches River active mutiny broke out and one of the group shot La Salle. This was about March 16, 1687. He had spent two years in Texas, mostly in trying to find the Mississippi River, for only by finding it could he return to Canada and obtain safety and relief. During this time he traveled over a large part of central and eastern Texas.

After La Salle's death, some of the party found the Mississippi, and eventually reached safety in Canada. Those who remained at Fort St. Louis were killed or captured by the Indians and the fort was left in ruins.

La Salle's settlement was due to an accident but it gave the king excuse and reason to claim the country, and so became the cause of a struggle for its possession. Perhaps more important, it awakened the Spaniards into settling in Texas much sooner than otherwise might have been done.

Thus short in tenure, almost doomed from the start, ended France's attempts to settle in Texas. Money the colonists carried was probably very little. Certainly they had little or no use for it. A few crowns, perhaps, but mostly trade goods for Indians and tools and utensils for themselves. For after all, they were coming to the new world to find gold and silver, why bring it with them!

To be continued. . .

CURRENCY RESIDUE

Recently there have been articles appearing in national publications relative to the toxicity of shredded currency in California. Currency residue meets Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Standards and qualifies as nonhazardous waste. This has been substantiated by certified independent laboratory tests.

Like most other states, California's toxic standards differ from EPA's, and are generally more strict than EPA requirements. The San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank's testing of worn-out bills in 1984, showed that the lead and copper

content of the ink used to print old currency was in excess of California's allowable standards.

The Bureau of Engraving & Printing (BEP) has worked with equipment designers and material suppliers to develop new, less toxic inks with required quality and printability characteristics. In 1981, the introduction of new ink formulations by BEP eliminated high concentrations of lead chromate. Ultra modern instrumentation in the Bureau of Engraving & Printing's Forensic Laboratory constantly monitors the raw ingredients obtained to maintain a superior level of excellence in products produced.

Currency, depending upon the denomination, normally has a circulation life of from eighteen months to four years or more. Accordingly, it may take a few more years before all of the old currency is completely removed from circulation.

6 BILLION NOTES!

A record one year production of U.S. currency notes will be produced by the end of this year. The Bureau of Engraving & Printing Bureau announced that for the first time in its history, the Bureau will reach an annual production of 6 billion currency notes. The 6 billionth note, a \$1 note from the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank, was produced on September 4.

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The Washington half dollars of 1793 were among the experimental coins made.

from the 1st vice president

Texas Numismatic Association

Gerald W. Kendall
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The new Statue of Liberty coin-ages may be a good investment, especially the gold. Many collectors did not buy the Olympic gold and now it has risen to about three times the issue price. The \$5 will be in demand from several point of collecting interests while the price is not greatly out of line. Gold is now in the \$320 range and the new quarter eagle contains almost a quarter ounce. It is my understanding that the coin will be issued for under \$200.

All these many years I had been told that the Statue of Liberty stands in New York; however, at a recent GHCC meeting a report was given and we were told that the statue stands in New Jersey NOT New York. As if more proof was needed Angela told me she was taught that the Statue is in New Jersey and should a man ever question his wife? I learned many years ago that a man should never argue with a woman . . . it is only his word against literally thousands of hers.

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WELCOME YOUNG NUMISMATISTS!

This being my first column, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Robert M. Lacewell and I am the new Youth Chairman for TNA. I am really excited about my new position, and am gearing up with some projects. Being a young collector myself (I just turned 23) I am interested in the education of the young collectors. I am currently an English major at the University of Texas at San Antonio, and hope one day to use my skills to start a career in numismatics. I have been collecting since age 10 and collect U.S., German and Austrian coins. I am a member of the ANA, TNA and Gateway Coin Club of San Antonio.

One of my first projects involved the purchase of an educational coin game called "Treasure Hunt" which is designed for ages 12-adult. I plan to use the game for educational programs at local schools and libraries

to introduce young people to the hobby. The game is an excellent learning tool for history, social studies and geography classes. If you are interested in the game contact me for further information.

Since I am mainly interested in the educational aspect of the hobby, I would like to see a Young Numismatist Scholarship set up to send YN's from Texas to the ANA Summer Seminar. Education is the key to any endeavor, and I encourage YN's to read as many reference books on coins as possible. The reward will be respect from other numismatists and a great feeling of self-accomplishment. In relation to this, I am starting work on YN Collectors Handbook and hope to receive input from collectors and dealers in its preparation. Please send any comments, suggestions or questions to me in care of the TNA NEWS editor. I look forward to my term as Youth Chairman and to working with you for a better TNA and YN program.

from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

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4794 (D-10) William D. Hornsby, 3518 Hayes #1, El Paso, TX. 79930. Small Cents, Errors & Varieties. Walt Woelper.

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TNA NEWS Editor - Sept. travel allowance		
& Aug. petty cash	222.81	
J.D. Nelson - Dues refund	10.00	
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Advertising check returned	20.00	
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TNA Memorial Library Fund as of Sept. 30, 1985	95.93
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NOVEMBER 8-10

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NOVEMBER 17

DALWORTH COIN & STAMP SHOW, Rodeway Inn at Six Flags, 833 N. Watson Rd., Arlington. **CONTACT:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76118.

NOVEMBER 23-24

RED RIVER COIN CLUB, annual coin & stamp show, Activity Center, 10th & Indiana, Wichita Falls. **BOURSE:** Logan Essex, Box 4061, Wichita Falls 76308, 817/692-8332.

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PASADENA COIN CLUB, 25th annual coin show, Hobby Airport Hilton, 8181 Airport Blvd., Houston. **WRITE:** Club, Box 58155, Houston 77258.

1986 EVENTS

FEBRUARY 8-9

FORT WORTH, TEXAS MID-SEASON COIN & STAMP SHOW, Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway. **CONTACT:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Fort Worth 76118.

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1-2

INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB, annual show, El Paso. Details later.

MARCH 29-30

CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB, Collector's Show, La Quinta Motor Hotel. **WRITE:** Club, Box 3191, Corpus Christi 78404.

APRIL 12-13

GATEWAY COIN CLUB, coin show, Sheraton Inn, 1400 Austin Hiway, San Antonio. **WRITE:** Club, Box 21087, San Antonio 78221-0089. 512/271-3429.

MAY 9-11

OKLAHOMA NUMISMATIC ASSN. annual convention. Details later.

MAY 23-25

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. convention, celebrating Texas Sesquicentennial, Tarrant County Convention Center, Fort Worth. **BOURSE:** R.E. Slocum, 6732 Fortune Rd., Fort Worth 76116. 817737-5915.

MAY 31-JUNE 1

CAPITOL CITY COIN CLUB, 14th annual coin show, Quality Inn South, Austin. **CONTACT:** Club, Box 33159, Austin 78764.

SEPTEMBER 27-28

AUSTIN COIN CLUB, Quality Inn South. **WRITE:** Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

FUTURE TNA CONVENTIONS

1987 - March 27-29, TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION, San Antonio.

1988 - April 22-24, TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION, Houston.

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Let's not forget the Club Salute Awards, and the Col. Raymond Darrah Award. Entries for the Darrah award must be in by the end of the year. Additional details may be found in previous issues of the **TNA NEWS**, or by contacting your **TNA NEWS** Editor, or your president.

MEXICO MINTS FIRST PROOF GOLD COINS

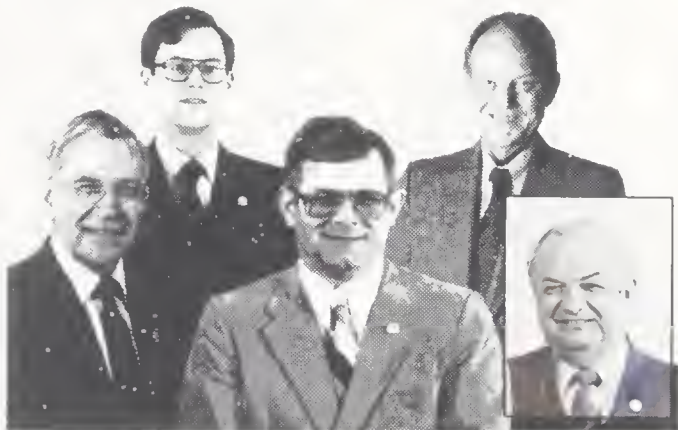
The first proof gold coins ever minted by Mexico were recently issued to commemorate Mexico's role as host for the 1986 World Cup soccer championship.



At this time, two gold proof coins in 0.900 fine, are available. One of the coins has a face value of \$250 pesos and on the obverse side it shows a soccer ball centered against a background wall of Aztec symbols and glyphs. The second gold proof, a \$500 pesos coin, depicts a silhouette of a soccer player kicking a ball, outlined on an Aztec calendar in the background. On the reverse of each is Mexico's eagle and serpent coat of arms and the legend, **ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS**.

The mintage of these two Mexican gold proof coins will be limited to a maximum of 88,000.

Working For The Hobby



Bob Wilhite

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District Meetings

DISTRICT I —

The Fort Worth Coin Club issued its first club bulletin in time for the October meeting. Jerry Conger is computer editor and Joe Wade is reporter. Club president is Ken Jones. Members are asked to contribute news and articles.



Morris Johnson
Governor

At the regular meeting, members decided that the annual Christmas party would be held at Diamond Oaks Country Club on December 5. Howard Luke is in charge of arrangements and Linda and Joe Wade are tending to entertainment and decorations.

Charles Wooley presented a slide showing on "Odd and Curious Money." - Frances Luke, Sec.

Stephenville Coin Club met twice in September with an average attendance of 20 at each meeting held at Red Bandana Steak House. It was reported that several members were ill.

Phil Doris suggested a drive for new members be held and Morris

Johnson reminded the club to get busy on their entry for the Col. Raymond Darrah award.

Auctions closed both meetings. - Lorene Randals, Sec.

DISTRICT III —

Activity in District 3 is increasing for the fall season. San Angelo Coin Club held its annual coin show September 7-8 at the Sheraton Hotel. The show was well attended, and gold coins were given as door prizes. Regular meetings are held on the first Thursdays.



Dick Dollen
Governor

The Key City Coin Club of Abilene met at the Independence Savings & Loan on September 5 and committee chairmen were chosen for the coin and stamp show being planned for early 1986.

At Brady, the third annual coin show sponsored by Heart of Texas Coin Club will be held November 9-10 at Brady Civic Center. Bob Bills, Box 4, Pontotoc 76869, is in charge of bourse. - Dick Dollen, Gov. Dist. 3.

DISTRICT IV —

Heavy rains seemed to draw coin collectors indoors instead of to outdoor activities as evidenced by the good attendance at the **Austin Coin Club Money Mart** at **Quality Inn South**.



Dr. Robert Greenwood
Governor

The **Texas Numismatic Assn.** held the semi-year governing board meeting on Sunday, September 29, during the show.

The 1986 **Money Mart** has been scheduled for September 27-28 at the same location.

The 14th annual coin show has been set by **Capitol City Coin Club** of Austin for May 31-June 1 at **Quality Inn South**. For more information contact the club, Box 33159, Austin 78764.

DISTRICT V -

Ron Blaha entertained **Dallas Coin Club** members with a slide showing on **World Trade Dollars** at the recent meeting. A report was made on the 1985 club show and indicated that attendance was up.



Paul Garner
Governor

Dealers seemed to enjoy the hospitality party offered by the club and a suggestion was made to continue with it.

Tom Ragsdale won the door prize and Paul Garner conducted the auction. - **Ron Blaha, Sec.**

DISTRICT VI —

Sixteen members and 10 new ones attended the September 10 meeting of the recently organized **Rice Belt Coin Club** in El Campo. The club meets the second Tuesday at **Commercial State Bank**.

A coin show was held on September 14. - **Grace Vaclavick, Sec.**

Collectors in the **Pasadena-Houston** area are reminded that the annual coin show sponsored by **Pasadena Coin Club** is scheduled for November 29, 30 & December 1 at **Hobby Airport Hilton, 8181 Airport Blvd.**

The recent meeting of **Greater Houston Coin Club** was held in the new location at the **Mariott Hotel, 2100 S. Braeswood**.

Under discussion were the club's January Money Show, the museum exhibit and junior membership.

The program was a slide presentation entitled "**Grading Small Cents.**" - **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT VII —

New officers prepared to take up duties in **Gateway Coin Club** in San Antonio. Raymond Tate is the new president; Freeman Craig, vice president; Karla Galindo, secretary; and Cliff



Frank Galindo
Governor

Valley, treasurer. Installation services were conducted by Frank Galindo, TNA Dist. 7 governor, during a banquet meeting on October 3.

An auction of donated numismatic items was held with Mike Greenspan in charge. All proceeds were added to the 1987 TNA convention fund. - **Mike Greenspan, Gatepost Editor.**

DISTRICT VIII —

Several donors of books to the **Corpus Christi Coin Club** library were acknowledged at the recent meeting and include Bill Brunson, John Smolik and Henry Foster.



Joe B. Davis
Governor

Joe B. Davis gave the program on inflationary money. He told the meaning of inflation and the problems encountered in several countries during these times.

A report was given on the October coin show and also a discussion on the March 29-30 Spring Coin & Collectors Show at La Quinta Royale.

The **Kingsville Coin Club** held a dinner meeting on September 28 at Bonanza Steak House in Kingsville.

David Burke of Corpus Christi gave a talk on the Charlotte Mint. - **Club Bulletin.**

DISTRICT IX —

Members of **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock voted to continue showing slide sets at meetings as part of their educational efforts. At the meetings at Precinct #1 Club House, Wally Borchardt presented slides on Morgan Dollar Varieties.

During the business session, plans were discussed for the 1986 annual coin show. Borchardt, club president, announced that meeting dates and location will be published in Lubbock newspapers. Jim Hall and Kurt McEnaney conducted the auction and Hall won the door prize. - **E.L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9.**

Lamb County Coin Club of Littlefield, meeting in the Reddy Room, voted to donate to the TNA 1986 Texas Sesquicentennial fund and to make arrangements to have the traveling exhibit in their city.

A refreshment hour was enjoyed by the seven members followed by a trading session. - **E.L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9.**

DISTRICT XI —

Homer Dotts won best in show at **Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.** coin show in Amarillo at Quality Inn. Other winners were Ted Johannsen, 1st place coins; Jim Jordan, 1st place paper money and special category; and Tom Zorn, 2nd in special. Fifteen dealers attended.

Gretchen, no stranger to coin shows, won one of the door prizes - a set of #2 Lincoln cents which her masters will keep for her. Who is Gretchen? A dachshund owned by Doug and June Barker of Hereford.

At the regular meeting, several members gave the coin market report and Tom Zorn gave a program on Mint Errors. Door Prizes went to R.C. Tipton, Pam Tipton, J.R. Lopez, Earl Summers, Ted Johannsen and R.L. (Tommy) Tompkins. - **Nela Runkel, Gov. Dist. 11.**



Nela Runkel
Governor

DISTRICT XV —

The September meeting of **Beaumont Coin Club** was held in the new meeting location at Texas Commerce Bank, 510 Park St. Last-minute plans were discussed for the September 21-22 coin show.

Jack Provost gave a program on Norse Medals. These medals were minted in 1925 to commemorate the

100th anniversary of the restoration of a ship. It is an octagonal shaped piece and 40,000 were minted thick and thin; 6,000 of which were thin and the more valuable of the two. One hundred gold proofs were also issued.

Door prize winners were Jim Eldridge, Art Larkin, Ann King, George Fortune and John Brown. - **Kaye Brown, Sec.**

Dewey R. Scott was named chairman of the nominating committee to serve for **Greater Orange Coin Club** and members voted to renew the contract on rental of the Orange Community Center for club meetings.

Sidney King presented a program on Wills covering topics such as why a will is needed. What a will should contain. When a will should be made. What a will does.

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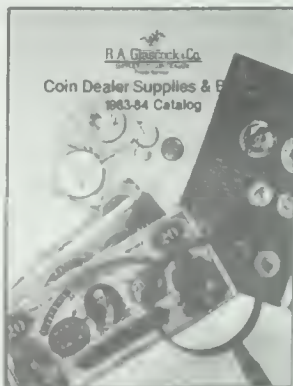


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